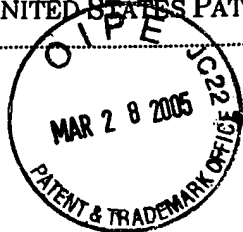




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In re application of  
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Application No. 10/822,262  
Filed: April 12, 2004  
For: DRILL BIT CONE PROTECTOR

: **DECISION ON PETITION**  
: **TO MAKE SPECIAL**  
: **(APPLICANT'S AGE)**  
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This is a decision on the petition submitted on April 12, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

An application may be accorded special status upon the filing of a petition providing evidence showing that the applicant is at least 65 years old. Such a showing may be provided by evidence such as a birth certificate or a statement from the applicant.

The petition states "there is a copy of applicant's birth certificate included," however, there is no such birth certificate. Since there is no evidence showing that the applicant is at least 65 years of age, the age of applicant cannot be determined.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information outlined above. Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. The enveloped should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.